



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(B)4

**TO:** Honorable Chairperson Barbara  
Carey-Shuler, Ed.D and Members,  
Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** February 3, 2004

**SUBJECT:** 2004 Federal Legislative Package

**FROM:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

The 2004 Federal Legislative Package, including a list of appropriations requests, is attached for your review. The Legislative Package prepared by the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs reflects departmental proposals and input from the Board of County Commissioners and Office of the Mayor. Since the package is not all-inclusive of the vast array of issues of importance to our community, the Board's review and comments are strongly encouraged and welcomed in order to prepare a more comprehensive package.

In addition to specific items included in this package, Miami-Dade County will support compatible legislative efforts of our municipalities and several entities including the National Association of Counties, the US Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the Tri-County Commission, and national trade associations such as those representing seaports, transit, airports, as well as housing, community and economic development, and human service agencies.

The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is available to discuss and assist with any additional items you would like to include in the 2004 Federal Legislative Package prior to final approval of the Board.

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2004 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

CRITICAL PRIORITIES

TRANSPORTATION

**Aviation**

**TSA Staffing:** ADVOCATE for adequate Transportation Security Administration (TSA) staffing levels for security checkpoints and baggage screening operations at MIA and cancel the planned further reduction of an additional 205 screeners at Miami International Airport (MIA). The number of inspectors assigned by TSA to MIA is an administrative matter, but the number of inspectors authorized for TSA nationwide is a legislative issue based on a cap imposed by Congress on the number of screeners TSA may employ nationwide.

**Visa Waiver and In-Transit International:** SUPPORT continued efforts to develop, in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security, a set of ITI options specific to Miami. On August 2, the DHS and Department of State suspended the Transit Without Visa Program (TWOV) and the International-to-International Transit Program (ITI). The action has hit Iberia and American at MIA with thousands of missed connections.

**Airport EDS Baggage Integration:** SUPPORT approval of the Memorandum of Agreement and a Letter of Intent between MDAD and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for terminal modifications required to integrate explosive detection systems (EDS) in-line with MIA's baggage sorting systems. The total amount of the requested LOI is nearly \$62 million: \$43,084,000 for Central Terminal and \$18,834,000 for the North and South Terminals. Congress has directed TSA to move all EDS in-line with airport baggage sorting systems by December 31, 2003. MIA is still suffering from the post-September 11 reduced passenger demand and has had to defer many capital projects due to lack of funding. Work to move EDS in-line cannot commence without a full-funding commitment from TSA. The MDAD has submitted to TSA a draft MOA and LOI for installation of EDS in-line with baggage systems.

**Airport Department of Defense (DOD) Remediation:** SUPPORT efforts to direct the DOD to pay its fair share of the damages arising out of subsurface contamination at Miami International Airport caused by the operations of the United States Air Force and its contractors at MIA from the World War II era through the Vietnam era.

**Airport Security Control Center and Additional Security Enhancements:** The SOCC provides a centralized location within MIA for airport and federal security agencies to provide surveillance, response and decision-making in an integrated and coordinated manner. The Security Screen Enclosures for Checkpoints constructs floor to ceiling enclosures at both sides of the security equipment located at each of the nine concourse passenger security checkpoints - MDAD has to post guards to secure the concourses when TSA is not manning the checkpoints. Total request: \$4.5 Million - \$3.5 Million for SOCC and \$1.0 Million for Security Screen Enclosures. MIA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) entitlement funds are already committed

to other priority projects. The Aviation Department will seek AIP discretionary funds for these projects, but may not receive maximum federal participation (75% of the AIP eligible costs).

**MIA Runway 9R/27L Strengthening:** SUPPORT \$11 million earmark for Runway Strengthening including adjacent connector Taxiways, a critical component included in the Aviation Department's Capital Improvement Program

**Opa-locka Airport Air Traffic Control Tower:** SUPPORT \$3 million request in the FAA's Facilities & Equipment (F&E) FY 2005 budget request for a new Air Traffic Control Tower. The current Opa-locka Airport control tower is in an advanced stage of deterioration and it is not economically feasible to repair. This tower is critical for the continued availability of air traffic control services at Opa-locka airport. Opa-locka Airport is a major economic contributor to South Florida accounting for 1,938 direct and indirect jobs and \$106 million in business revenues. OSHA has informed the FAA that no further compliance extension will be granted and will require the permanent closing of the tower on September 30, 2007.

### **Seaport**

**Seaport Security:** SUPPORT increased funding of seaport security grants and programs associated with the "Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002" and implementation of the security related costs of the port's capital improvement project.

**Miami Harbor Channel Dredging Project:** SUPPORT \$14 million funding request from the US Army Corps of Engineers construction budget for dredging at the Port of Miami. This funding would provide for the completion of Phase II dredging at the Port of Miami-Dade, finishing the authorized 42- and 36- foot projects.

**Miami Harbor Channel General Reevaluation Report:** SUPPORT authorization of Miami Harbor Channel General Reevaluation Report for deepening and expansion of Port of Miami-Dade channels to accommodate mega-cargo ships in the 2004 Water Resources Development Act.

**Miami Harbor Channel Dredging Project Mitigation:** SUPPORT revision in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2004 clearly authorizing federal cost sharing in mitigation associated with Phase II contractor impacts to natural resources within the Federal Harbor Project. Ensure that language is adequate to support a reimbursement request by Miami-Dade County. SUPPORT appropriation request for \$1.7 million for mitigation reimbursement involving contractor violation during Miami Harbor Channel Dredging – 42 and 36-foot projects.

### **Transit**

**New Starts Request:** SUPPORT a "full funding grant agreement" for the Miami-Dade County Phase II Metrorail expansion, inclusive of the North Corridor, East-West, and MIC/Earlington Heights Connector, to link the four corners of Miami-Dade County.

**New Starts Funding Request:** SUPPORT \$20 million funding request in new starts money for the Miami-Dade County Phase II Metrorail expansion to link the four corners of Miami-Dade County to the Metrorail via the East-West Corridor, North Corridor, (including Earlington Heights /Miami Intermodal Center connector). These projects were authorized in 1998 under TEA 21 and are listed in Miami-Dade County's 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Bus Related Discretionary Funds:** SUPPORT \$10 million funding request of discretionary federal Bus and Bus-Related Funds to enhance current levels of service to meet growing transportation demand, including 24-hour bus service.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Homeland Security Regional Complex:** SUPPORT efforts to secure the placement of a regional DHS facility in Miami-Dade County. Our community is a credible target for terrorist activities and placing a regional office in Miami-Dade County will greatly augment the significant investment already made by the DHS and ensure Florida's largest metropolitan area has the mobilization and deployment resources available to coordinate with federal and state officials in the event of a terrorist attack or other crisis.

**Homestead Air Reserve Base Redevelopment:** SUPPORT and MONITOR economic development conveyance and secure funding for the actual conveyance and the necessary infrastructure including remediation SUPPORT \$2,327,853 funding request to replace and upgrade infrastructure that no longer meets regulatory requirements and continues to deteriorate due to lack of maintenance funding and neglect that occurred over the past decade while the fate of the Base and surplus property was in question.

**Southcom and Homestead:** SUPPORT local state and federal effort to make permanent the siting of the US Southern Command in Miami-Dade County. COORDINATE with the Department of Defense to accommodate the relocation of the Special Operations Command South (SOC SOUTH) and PROMOTE the retention of Homestead Air Reserve Base in anticipation of the next Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, recognizing that Florida reaps \$44 billion annually from the military.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Miami River Dredging:** SUPPORT \$8 million funding request for the construction phase of the Miami River Dredging Project to restore authorized depth and width to the navigation channel.

**Beach Erosion Control:** SUPPORT \$2.5 million funding request to conduct ongoing periodic renourishment of eroded segments of the federally authorized Miami-Dade County Shore Protection Project.

**Everglades Restoration:** SUPPORT working with the US Corps of Engineers and Department of Interior to expedite the completion of the Modified Water Delivery for the Everglades National Park and the C-111 projects. SUPPORT cooperative efforts to ensure the full implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

**Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements:** SUPPORT continued appropriations to assist in funding capital improvements for the economic and environmental betterment of the region. (Miami-Dade County's Water and Sewer Department received \$5 million in FY 02 appropriations for improvements to wastewater and drinking water plants, as well as connections to the sewer and water systems in commercial areas.) SUPPORT \$2.5 million request for improvements to the Hialeah Water Treatment Plant and SUPPORT \$2.5 million request for improvements to the Preston Water Treatment Plant. Modifications are needed at both plants to meet new regulations included in the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

**Free Trade Area of the Americas:** SUPPORT funding request of \$2 million to promote the locating of the Permanent Secretariat of the FTAA in Miami-Dade County. MONITOR trade legislation impacting South Florida and SUPPORT \$500,000 request for the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium of Miami-Dade County to expand and develop two-way international trade by conducting economic impact and market research studies, incoming and outgoing trade missions, conferences, education and training workshops.

## **OTHER PRIORITIES**

### **Aviation**

**Unfunded Security Mandates:** SUPPORT efforts to assure that the federal government funds all federal airport security mandates without impacting traditional airport funding sources for capacity and other critical projects.

### **Economic Development and Human Services**

**Empowerment Zone Funding:** SUPPORT \$10 million funding request for all Round II Empowerment Zones. Funding will assist with economic development, job training, land acquisition, neighborhood improvement projects and the Capital Venture Discretionary Fund that makes equity investments in business opportunities within the Empowerment Zone. SUPPORT legislation that would designate a permanent annual funding source for the Round II Empowerment Zones.

**Juvenile Assessment Center's National Demonstration Project:** SUPPORT \$1.7 million funding request for the continuation of the JAC National Demonstration Project to assist with reforming the current system of Juvenile Justice. The Project is developing effective assessment tools, interventions and treatments to reduce the number of delinquent youth in Miami-Dade County.

### **Environment and Infrastructure**

**Biscayne Bay Feasibility Study:** SUPPORT \$200,000 request to fund the ongoing feasibility study being conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Miami-Dade County that examines the affect of canal and groundwater discharges on Biscayne Bay's hydrodynamics, water quality and ecology.

**Energy Restructuring:** MONITOR proposed legislation addressing Utility Deregulation to preserve existing contracts entered into under Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) of 1978 and the existing requirement that utilities purchase power from alternative or renewable sources, including electricity generated from municipal solid waste.

**Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport:** SUPPORT legislation restoring state/local authority over receipt of waste from outside the jurisdiction or region and, in parallel, flow control authority over locally generated waste.

**National Clean and Safe Water Fund Act:** SUPPORT S. 1539 to establish a new US Treasury account utilize fines, penalties collected under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts to fund sewer and sanitary overflow projects, drinking water source protection, water conservation projects, wetland protection, agriculture best management projects, cleanup of contaminated sediments, and decentralization of stormwater and wastewater treatment projects.

**OSHA Ergonomics Rule:** SUPPORT a solid waste industry exemption from the requirements of OSHA's proposed "ergonomics" rule to those provided for the construction, agriculture and maritime industries.

**Power Plant Emissions Reductions:** SUPPORT legislation that will ensure facilities that have previously completed air pollution system upgrades in compliance with applicable sections of the Clean Air Act be considered in compliance with and given exemption from new legislation that will require "power-generating" facilities to meet requirements and make upgrades that are already required of them through the Clean Air Act.

**Rebuild America Act:** SUPPORT the proposed Rebuild America Act; S. 1409 and House companion H.R. 2615 to establishment of a long-term funding for wastewater, drinking water, and wet weather and Army Corps of Engineers Projects. Nationally, the need for water and sewer infrastructure improvements is estimated to be \$23 billion.

**Renewable Energy:** SUPPORT legislation encouraging the expanded use of alternative sources of power to include "renewable energy". SUPPORT efforts to amend the definition of "qualified energy resources" to include municipal solid waste and landfill methane gas recovery (biomass).

**Water Infrastructure Network:** SUPPORT efforts by the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) program to establishment of a long-term grant program for needed water and sewer infrastructure improvements, along with additional funding support of the revolving loan program

**Water Quality Financing Act:** SUPPORT the Water Quality Financing Act, H.R. 1560 and Senate Companion S.170 to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes.

**Wastewater Treatment Security Act:** SUPPORT the proposed Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act; S 1039 and House companion H.R. 866. Increased funding would help the costs of assessments of vulnerability and costs associated with construction of security measures, as the disruption of wastewater treatment plants could have a devastating impact on public safety, health, and the environment.

#### **General Government and Public Works**

**Consumer Services:** SUPPORT legislation to stop predatory lending, including legislation similar to last year's "Credit Card Consumer Protection Act", the "Consumer Privacy Protection Act", the "Payday Borrower Protection Act", and the "Rent-To-Own Reform Act".

**Election Reform:** MONITOR funding and implementation of the 2002 Election Reform Bill.

**Mosquito Helicopter:** SUPPORT \$500,000 funding request to complete purchase of state of the art helicopter to help Miami-Dade County control of mosquitoes that transmit the West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis, and Dengue Fever.

**Mosquito Control:** SUPPORT effort to secure federal funding in APHIS or related agencies for mosquito control facility construction and spraying of storm drains in Miami-Dade County that serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes that can spread the West Nile Virus, Dengue Fever, and Encephalitis.

**Old Cutler Bridge Replacement:** SUPPORT \$2.5 million request to replace the bridge on Old Cutler Road south of SW 168 Street, crossing the Cutler Canal and connecting the Villages of Pinecrest and Palmetto Bay. The two-lane sonovoid bridge was constructed in 1960 is considered substandard by today's standards. In addition to vehicular traffic, cyclists and pedestrians from the Old Cutler Bikeway, Miami-Dade's premiere bikeway, are forced to share the traveled way of the structure with the motoring public. Several serious accidents have occurred in the past, thus a new, two-lane bridge will be able to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic on a county road that is also used in the event of hurricane or nuclear mandated evacuation.

**Regulated Industries:** MONITOR legislation that affects the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith; wrecker; vehicle immobilization; motor vehicle title loan and general consumer protection; and, for-hire transportation vehicles, including taxicabs, limousines and ambulance service.

### **Homeland Security**

**Operation Safe Port Operations:** SUPPORT \$ 250,000 request to further fund the Miami-Dade Police Department Underwater Recovery / Homeland Security Units to conducts random seawall and hull searches for ordinance or any other potential threat to the safety of passengers and port workers at the Port of Miami. The Port of Miami contributes over \$8 billion annual impact on the economy of South Florida and protecting the second largest economic engine in the county is of critical importance.

**High Threat Urban Area Program:** SUPPORT increases of federal Homeland Security funds for area where the threat of terrorist attack is greatest such as Miami-Dade County. In FY03 under the High Threat Urban Area Program, the program was funded at \$800 million. Miami-Dade County is one of twenty-one cities and contiguous counties that have been designated under the Urban Area Security Initiative, commonly referred to as the High Threat Urban Area program and increases for this program. SUPPORT H.R. 3181, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act of 2003 that provides for faster and smarter funding for first responders at the County level as well as direct Homeland Security Funds directly to Miami-Dade County.

**First Responders Equipment:** SUPPORT \$6.7 million in funding and grants under the Homeland Security Department for items that are critical to enhancing the department's ability to adequately respond to the needs of our communities. The MDFR has been a leader in developing and deploying urban search and rescue team (USAR) after natural and man-made disasters, and Miami-Dade firefighters, paramedics, physicians, engineers and search canines have provided search and rescue services, medical support, damage assessment, and relief supplies during local, regional, and national disasters. The MDFR has also signed agreements to assist other Florida municipalities in the event of a catastrophe, making the MDFR a regional resource for the Southeast and Latin America.

### **Housing**

**Pilot Joint Use Programs:** SUPPORT efforts by the County, in cooperation with the Postal Service and HUD, to successfully develop sites owned by the US Postal Service and or other

governmental vacant land in pilot programs that marry needs of the federal government with the needs of our local Housing Authority. A pilot program may include housing for migrant workers.

**Pilot PACE Program:** SUPPORT a demonstration Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) project in Miami-Dade County in conjunction to the building of Wellness Centers at housing properties. The PACE program is a comprehensive program for services to the elderly in a public housing setting will be a Pilot.

**Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC)** SUPPORT effort of Miami-Dade County to work with the US Department of Housing and Urban development to reevaluate Miami-Dade County Public Housing REAC financial score, including review by external auditors that includes an analysis of pooled cash

### Human Services

**Children's Issues:** SUPPORT Head Start reauthorization that increases funding for Head Start and Early Head Start programs and services. SUPPORT increases in funding to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning programs. SUPPORT legislation that provides funding for quality comprehensive Pre-K. SUPPORT legislation that expands the Child Health Improvement Program (CHIP) to cover uninsured children, (including immigrant children). SUPPORT child safety legislation that includes sensible gun safety measures.

**Working Families Issues:** SUPPORT legislation that expands the Earned Income Tax Credit, increases the Dependent Child Tax Credit, and strengthens Child Support Enforcement.

**Welfare Reform Reauthorization:** SUPPORT reauthorization of the 1996 welfare reform that includes increases in funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grants and Child Care Development Block Grants (CCDBGs).

**Child Health Improvement Act:** SUPPORT the Immigrant Child Health Improvement Act - included in the Senate version of the Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003 - provides states and counties the option to cover legal immigrant children and pregnant women under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), restoring a benefit taken away from legal immigrants in 1996 Welfare reform bill.

**Elderly Issues:** SUPPORT an increase in funding for the Corporation for National Service (CNS) to support the expansion of the Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Program, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program, increase in funding for the Meals for the Elderly Program through support of the Older Americans Act, modifying the Social Security program to secure current levels of benefits for the future, improving Medicare by enhancing coverage for prescriptions, therapies, services, and procedures supporting a National Patients Bill of Rights.

**AIDS:** SUPPORT increased funding for the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Relief Grant Program.

### Immigration

**General Immigration:** SUPPORT increased funding for refugee resettlement programs. SUPPORT efforts to restore federal benefits to legal immigrants and children. SUPPORT the Andean Adjustment Act and similar legislation that helps members of Miami-Dade County immigrant communities adjust their immigration status. SUPPORT efforts to pass the Dream



Act, which would allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States legally on condition they complete two years of military service, two years of college or 910 hours of community service within six years of high school graduation - undocumented immigrants who meet those requirements then could apply for permanent legal residency. OPPOSE to deputize state and local police as immigration agents, responsible for enforcing civil immigration laws – proposals such as the “Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal (CLEAR) Act (H.R. 2671) that may adversely affect their ability to gain the trust of immigrant residents, and could dismantle gains made in reducing crime since the advent of “community-based policing” in regions with high immigrant populations.

**Haitian Immigration:** SUPPORT efforts to promote fair and equal treatment for detained Haitian refugees. SUPPORT Congressman Meek’s Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HIRIFA) fix-it bill. SUPPORT Congressman Shaw’s Haiti Economic Recovery Act to promote increased trade in Haiti.

**Columbian TPS:** Support efforts to give Temporary Protected Status to thousands of Colombians living in the Miami-Dade County. The State Department had earlier recommended that the Attorney General deny such status. Providing TPS status would give temporary protection to Colombians who have sought temporary refuge from guerrillas, narco-drug traffickers and right-wing militias in their home country.

### **Jackson Memorial Hospital**

**Patient Safety Program:** SUPPORT \$ 1,000,000 appropriation from the Department of Labor pilots and demonstrations account to establish an extensive patient safety program for Jackson Health System (JHS). JHS is a healthcare network that consists of 12 primary care centers, two school-based clinics, two long-term nursing facilities, one maternity hospital and one community hospital. Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) is the hub of the JHS. JMH is the only public hospital in Miami-Dade County and the largest teaching hospital in the state. The primary sources of JHS’ patient base are uninsured and underinsured patients, and patients referred for highly specialized tertiary care unavailable elsewhere.

**JMH Rehabilitation Building:** Miami-Dade County is seeking \$2.975 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s construction and renovation of the health care and other facilities account to equip JMH’s new rehabilitation building. The facility will allow JMH to provide exceptional rehabilitation care in the areas of outpatient therapies, comprehensive pain management, hyperbaric medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy. The new facility will be a four-story 220,000 gross square foot building for inpatients and outpatients. The facility will include a child and adolescent unit, a comprehensive/neurological unit, a comprehensive/spinal cord unit, a radiology suite with four radiographic rooms and a darkroom

**JMH Emergency Room Expansion:** Support \$10 million appropriation from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s construction and renovation of health care and other facilities to expand the emergency room at Jackson Memorial Hospital. The emergency room sees approximately 100,000 visits each year in a facility that is designed to see 40,000. A new, expanded facility will allow Jackson to serve patients in an appropriate setting and will reduce waiting times in the emergency room. The 140,000 sq. feet building would include over 100 patient stations, which would allow us to address the diversion times, reduce the number of walk-outs and reduce wait times.

**Bioterrorism:** Support \$3 million appropriations from the Defense budget for bioterrorism preparedness efforts led by Jackson Health System. As the only public-hospital and health system in Miami-Dade County, Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Jackson Health System have served the needs of community for 85 years. From response to the devastating effects of Spanish Influenza Epidemic of 1919-1921 to caring for the injured, and needy, in the aftermath of devastating hurricanes, race riots, the Mariel Boat Lift, the Haitian Boat People, the AIDS epidemic, drug resistant T.B. and more. Since 9-11, JMH has been acutely focused on emergency preparedness for medical response to terrorism triggered weapons of mass destruction. The partnership between Jackson Health System and the University of Miami School of Medicine represent a unique, public-private model of cooperation for the safety net needs and expert care needs of people in a major metro-area. Since healthcare is a fundamental building block in homeland security planning and emergency preparedness, the Jackson Health System invested millions of dollars, from its operations budget, in Homeland Security initiatives, without any reimbursement to date. As an A-level hospital, we are geared to serve a metropolitan region that far exceeds our traditional geographic boundaries. The A-level designation carries a responsibility for millions of people and with it a substantial cost with no visible reimbursement sources.

### **Parks and Cultural Resources**

**Performing Arts Center:** SUPPORT \$3 million funding request to acquire property adjacent to the new Performing Arts Center to implement plans for neighborhood economic and social revitalization and to establish an extensive Technology infrastructure in the Performing Arts Center to create jobs in our emerging entertainment industry and provide training for Empowerment Zone residents. The Center, an important element in the revitalization of downtown Miami and the Empowerment Zone, is expected to generate up to 2,400 permanent jobs.

**Miami Art Museum (MAM) Neighborhood Outreach:** SUPPORT \$100,000 to expand MAM's outreach programs for children and families, reaching beyond the physical facility into disadvantaged neighborhoods. "MAM in the Neighborhood" has sponsored a student mural painted for residents of East Little Havana, funded a documentary film by students from Booker T. Washington Senior High School in Overtown and provided free arts programming to Hispanic, Haitian, African American and other needy children in the Miami-Dade County Parks' summer programs. In the past three years, MAM's educational programs onsite and throughout the community have impacted more than 150,000 young people.

**Biscayne Jetty Trail:** SUPPORT efforts to secure \$200,000 in federal funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to fund construction of the Biscayne Jetty Trail

**Ludlum Trail:** SUPPORT efforts to secure \$1 million to acquire 7 miles of Florida East Coast (FEC) railway corridor that runs adjacent to Ludlum Road (67<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to be used as a rails-to-trails greenway. The project will provide an alternative transportation route, recreation route, and open greenspace to an urbanized area of Miami-Dade County.

**UPARR:** SUPPORT maintaining or increasing funding for the Urban Parks and Recreational Recovery Program (UPARR), which has been a source of funding for the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) in the past.

**Miami Circle:** SUPPORT efforts to accelerate the Department of the Interior's study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle and the suitability and feasibility of

including the Circle site in the National Park System, specifically Biscayne Bay National Park. A bill mandating the aforementioned study passed with County support during the first half of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress.

### **Seaport**

**Maritime Transportation Security Act:** Monitor the development of the implementing regulations to the Maritime Transportation Security Act.

**Port Industry-Identified Refinements:** SUPPORT authorization of port industry-identified refinements to the Water Resources Development Act WRDA 2003. The proposed legislation will enable Miami-Dade County to benefit from industry-supported initiatives to increase federal cost sharing and reduce liabilities.

**Cruise Ships:** SUPPORT legislation to amend the Passenger Vessel Services Act of 1886 and permit, under specific and limited circumstances, the operation of foreign built cruise vessels already operating in other markets to operate in the US domestic cruise trades.

**Harbor Maintenance Tax:** SUPPORT authorization of general revenues to pay the federal costs of operating and maintaining the nation's harbors and repeal the Harbor Maintenance Tax ("HMT").

### **Transit**

**TEA 21 General Priorities:** SUPPORT legislation that strengthens transportation funding guarantees. The Firewall and Revenue Aligned Budget Authority provisions of TEA-21 should be strengthened to ensure that all revenues in the Highway Trust Fund are spent for their intended purpose. SUPPORT legislation that increases funding for transportation from the Highway Trust Fund and General Fund, such as elimination of the 2.5 cents per gallon of gasohol transfer to the General Fund, (2) rebating the 5.2 cents per gallon of subsidy for gasohol from the General Fund, and (3) spending down the balance of funds in the Highway Trust Fund. SUPPORT legislation that maximizes the return of funding to Florida; the next federal act should guarantee Florida at least a 95% rate of return on all funds distributed to the states. SUPPORT legislation that expands innovative financing techniques, such as leverage leases and Transportation Finance Corporations. SUPPORT legislation that maintains oversight of transit security issues with the federal government and prevents its transfer to the state.

**Transit Security System:** SUPPORT increased funding to enhance and install security and surveillance systems through Miami Dade Transit's (MDT) transit properties and vehicles. Enhancements will include the installation of a real time surveillance system throughout transit operations and maintenance facilities, transit vehicles and stations. Funds will also include the upgrading of bus surveillance systems to a real-time recording and the installation of razor wire fencing and access gate configurations around maintenance and operations facilities. Miami-Dade County will also replace trash receptacles located at rail, People Mover, and bus stations with explosive resistant containers and bomb-resistant film will be installed on all transit vehicles interior glass.

**South Florida Regional Integrated Fare Collection System:** SUPPORT \$34 million funding request for procuring and implementing a common fare collection system that will make travel between Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties seamless, convenient and cost effective. The goal is to make the physical fare technology systems compatible, which will make

traveling through the tri-county area by transit easier, encourage greater use of transit for regional travel needs, and encourage transit use by visitors to the area. The RTA is the lead on this issue.

## **Miami Dade County's FY'05 Appropriations Requests**

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

MIA Security Plan	\$4.5 million
First Responder Equipment	\$6.7 million
Operation Safe Port Operations	\$250,000
Bio-terrorism Preparedness	\$3 million

### **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Empowerment Zone	\$10 million
Performing Arts Center	\$3 million
Free Trade Area of the Americas Secretariat	\$2 million
International Trade Consortium	\$500,000

### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Aviation**

MIA Runway Strengthening	\$11 million
Opa-Locka Airport Tower	\$3 million

#### **Port of Miami**

Miami Harbor Channel, Construction Dredging for 42- and 36- foot project	\$14 million
Project Mitigation Reimbursement	\$1.7 million

#### **Transit**

East-West Corridor & North Corridor	\$20 million
Bus Procurement Plan	\$10 million
South Florida Regional Integrated Fare Collection System	\$34 million

#### **Public Works**

Old Cutler Bridge Replacement	\$2.5 million
Mosquito Helicopter	\$500,000
Mosquito Drainage Spraying	\$1 million

### **HUMAN AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

Jackson Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Expansion	\$10 million
Jackson Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Building	\$2.975 million
Jackson Memorial Hospital Patient Safety Program	\$1 million
Juvenile Assessment Center Demonstration Project	\$1.7 million
Miami Art Museum Neighborhood Outreach	\$100,000
Biscayne Jetty Trail	\$200,000
Ludlum Trail	\$1 million

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Miami-Dade Beach Nourishment	\$2.5 million
Miami River Dredging	\$8 million
Homestead Redevelopment	\$2.3 million
Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements	\$5 million
Biscayne Bay Feasibility Study	\$200,000